

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants	:	Melrose et al.	)	Examiner:
Serial No.	:	10/053,088	)	Amina Khan
Cnfrm. No.	:	6479	)	Art Unit:
Filed	:	January 18, 2002	)	1796
For	:	ANTIMICROBIAL POLYMERIC	)	
		COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS	)	
		OF TREATMENT USING THEM	)	

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2008, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the bases of rejection set forth therein in view of the following comments.

This submission is accompanied by a Notice of Appeal and Petition for two-month extension of time. All fees associated with this submission should be charged to Deposit Account 14-1138. Any overpayment can be applied and any underpayment can be charged to this same account.

The rejection of claims 7, 9-13, 15-17, 25-28, 30-39, 42, 46, 47, and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for obviousness over PCT Application Publ. No. WO 96/38186 to Melrose et al. ("Melrose I") in view of PCT Application Publ. No. WO 00/03723 to Melrose et al. ("Melrose II") is respectfully traversed.